



Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
Expedited Procedure
Technology Center Art Unit 1731

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Confirmation No.: 3958

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Group Art Unit: 1731

Appln. No.: 09/727,386

Examiner: HOFFMANN, JOHN M.

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Title: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING BASE MATERIAL FOR OPTICAL FIBER,
APPARATUS THEREFORE, AND BASE MATERIAL MANUFACTURED BY THE SAME

April 2, 2004

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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